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PROJECT SAFE CHILDHOOD SPONSORS TRAINING

(Plano, TX) United States Attorney Matthew D. Orwig announced the completion of a training session held in the Eastern District of Texas in connection with the nationwide Project Safe Childhood (PSC) initiative. The training featured the critically acclaimed *Illuminations* workshop, as well as speakers from the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, United States Attorney's Office, and Irving Police Department. PSC is a national initiative by the United States Department of Justice designed to protect children from the dangers of exploitation posed by predators using the Internet.

U.S. Attorney Orwig said, "We are as committed as ever to eradicating child pornography and the damage it inflicts on our children and society. Education is vital to this goal."

The training, attended by judges, prosecutors, investigators, probation officers, and victim service providers, is designed to provide a better understanding of the reality and impact of child exploitation through the eyes of a victim child. Speakers discuss the experience and behavior of

victims; the impact on families; and the mind-set and behavior of perpetrators. Speakers also address prosecuting and investigation child exploitation offenses.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Terri L. Hagan is coordinating PSC efforts for the United States Attorney's Office.

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